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Subject: Secondary Roads Program

Ravalli County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

A slide condition exists on S-473, West Fork Road in Ravalli County between Reference Post 0.25 to 0.5 just north of Conner. This segment of roadway is a State Secondary Route, county maintained and is currently closed to travel.

A conference call was held on March 5th and a mail-in vote was concluded on March 15th on whether or not to include this project in the Secondary Roads Capital Construction Program. The results of the vote are three for adding project, six against adding the project and two counties did not vote.

MDT believes the roadway should be reopened as soon as possible. This is a Federal Aide Secondary Route and as such should be open to public travel. Therefore MDT is pursuing other options at this time.

If you have any questions please call me at 444-6109.

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